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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0952

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE VISIT TO BERBERA

REF: MOGADISCIO 0951

1. SENATOR BARTLETT AND HIS PARTY DEPARTED MOGADISCIO JULY 4 FOR BERBERA (VIA HARGEISA) AT APPROXIMATELY 0530 LOCAL. THEY WERE FLOWN TO HARGEISA BY SOMALI AIRCRAFT AND WILL BE DARRIED ON TO BERBERA BY HELICOPTER. THEY EXPECT TO RETURN TO MOGADISCIO AFTERNOON OF JULY 4.

2. DURING TWO HOUR MEETING WITH SENATOR BARTLEET EVENING OF JULY 3, PRESIDENT SIAD PROMISED SENATOR THAT GROUP COULD INSPECT BERBERA AND ENVIRONS WITHOUT RESTRICTION AND TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS NECESSARY TO DO SO. HE SAID, IN EFFECT, THAT SOMALI GOVT WOULD SURRENDER ALL SOVEREIGNTY TO SENATOR IN BERBERA TOUR. HE
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WAS CERTAIN HOWEVER THAT SENATOR WOULD NOT RPT NOT FIND SOVIET

BASE AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT IDENTIFY ANY MISSILE FACILITIES.

3. ALTHOUGH SENATOR BARTLETT ATTEMPTED OBTAIN SIAD'S CONSENT FOR USE OF C-130 TO FERRY GROUP DIRECTLY TO BERBERA, SIAD WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONCEDE ON THIS POINT. HE SAID FLATLY THAT C-130 COULD NOT RPT NOT LAND AT BERBERA OWING TO CONDITION OF AIRSTRIP AND WEATHER PROBLEMS. MOREOVER, SENATOR AND GROUP WERE GUESTS OF SOMALI GOVT AND ALL TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE PROVIDED BY GSDR.

4. SENATOR BARTLETT REEMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF TIME FACTOR AND HIS EXPECTATION THAT HE AND HIS GROUP WOULD REQUIRE ALMOST FULL DAY TO COMPLETE INSPECTION OF BERBERA. SIAD TOLD HIM THAT ONCE AT BERBERA SENATOR WOULD FIND THEY REQUIRED ONLY FEW HOURS TO INSPECT ALL THAT BERBERA HAD TO OFFER. NEVERTHELESS, SIAD PROMISED SENATOR THAT HE COULD TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS NECESSARY, AND COULD RETURN TO BERBERA FOLLOWING DAY IF THAT NECESSARY. ALL HE ASKED WAS THAT SENATOR AND HIS GROUP INFORM HIM OF WHAT ADDITIONAL PLANS THEY WISHED GSDR TO MAKE ON THEIR BEHALF.

5. SENATOR AND GROUP WERE ESCORTED BY SRC MEMBER AHMED SULEIMAN. AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WERE ALSO IN PARTY.

6. CHARGE DID NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY GROUP TO BERBERA.
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